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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method of displaying telephone numbers by a client computer, the method performed within the client computer and comprising, before displaying data units:

in response to a user selecting a data unit for display, scanning the a data units for telephone numbers

automatically identifying the telephone numbers within the data units

packaging objects corresponding to the identified telephone numbers, wherein

the objects are defined such that the telephone numbers are activatable

the objects define attachments between displayed telephone numbers and

telephone call initiation functions

when the telephone numbers are displayed as part of displays of the data units, causing the telephone numbers to have a display attribute which renders the telephone numbers conspicuous to a user.

Claim 2 (Currently amended): The method of displaying telephone numbers of claim 1 wherein the method is performed as a consequence of an instruction to display the data units.

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Claim 3 (Currently amended): The method of displaying telephone numbers of claim 1 wherein at least one of the data unit is part of a file, wherein only a portion of the file is displayable.

Claim 4 (Currently amended): The method of displaying telephone numbers of claim 1 wherein at least one of the data unit includes displayable text intermixed with non-displayable data.

Claim 5 (Original): The method of displaying telephone numbers of claim 1 further comprising detecting an activation instruction by the user of a displayed telephone number causing a telephone call to be initiated using the displayed telephone number.

Claim 6 (Original): The method of displaying telephone numbers of claim 1 wherein the display attribute comprises a distinctive color.

Claim 7(Original): The method of rendering telephone numbers as objects of claim 1 wherein the display attribute comprises underlining.

Claim 8 (Original): The method of displaying telephone numbers of claim 1 wherein the display attribute comprises a distinctive font.

Claim 9 (Original): The method of rendering telephone numbers as objects of claim 1 wherein the display attribute comprises highlighting on mouse roll-over.

Claim 10 (Original): The method of rendering telephone numbers as objects of claim 1 wherein the display attribute comprises a right-click menu.

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Claim 11 (Original): The method of rendering telephone numbers as objects of claim 1 further comprising embedding the objects in the data units, the objects including hooks for allowing initiation of telephone calls using the telephone numbers.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): A client computer for displaying telephone numbers, the client computer comprising:

a user input device

a display device

a processor

a memory

wherein the processor and the memory comprise circuits and software for

in response to a user selecting a data unit for display, scanning a data units for

telephone numbers before displaying the data units

automatically identifying the telephone numbers within the data units

packaging objects corresponding to the identified telephone numbers, wherein

the objects are defined such that the telephone numbers are activatable

the objects define attachments between displayed telephone numbers and

telephone call initiation functions

when the telephone numbers are displayed as part of displays of the data units, causing the telephone numbers to have a display attribute which renders the telephone numbers conspicuous to a user.

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Claim 13 (Currently Amended): The client computer for displaying telephone numbers of claim 12 further comprising circuits and software for scanning the data units as a consequence of an instruction to display the data units.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): The client computer for displaying telephone numbers of claim 12, wherein ~~at least one~~ of the data units is part of a file, wherein only a portion of the file is displayable.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The client computer for displaying telephone numbers of claim 12 wherein ~~at least one~~ of the data units includes displayable text intermixed with non-displayable data.

Claim 16 (Original): The client computer for displaying telephone numbers of claim 12 further comprising circuits and software for detecting an activation instruction by the user of a displayed telephone number causing a telephone call to be initiated using the displayed telephone number.

Claim 17 (Original): The client computer for displaying telephone numbers of claim 12, wherein the display attribute comprises a distinctive color.

Claim 18 (Original): The client computer for displaying telephone numbers of claim 12, wherein the display attribute comprises underlining.

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Claim 19 (Original): The client computer for displaying telephone numbers of claim 12, wherein the display attribute comprises a distinctive font.

Claim 20 (Original): The client computer for displaying telephone numbers of claim 12, wherein the display attribute comprises highlighting on mouse roll-over.

Claim 21 (Original): The client computer for displaying telephone numbers of claim 12, wherein the display attribute comprises a right-click menu.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): The client computer for displaying telephone numbers of claim 12 further comprising circuits and software for embedding the objects in the data units, the objects including hooks for allowing initiation of telephone calls using the telephone numbers.

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): A computer program product comprising a computer usable medium having computer readable program code embodied therein operable in a processor for conspicuously displaying telephone numbers, the computer program comprising computer readable code for causing the processor to:

scan the data units for telephone numbers

automatically identify the telephone numbers within the data units

when the telephone numbers are displayed as part of displays of the data units, cause the telephone numbers to have a display attribute which renders the telephone numbers conspicuous to a user.

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Claim 24 (Currently Amended): The computer program product of claim 23 further comprising computer readable code for causing the processor to scan the data units as a consequence of an instruction to display the data units.

Claim 25 (Currently Amended): The computer program product of claim 23, wherein at least one of the data units is part of a file, wherein only a portion of the file is displayable.

Claim 26 (Currently Amended): The computer program product of claim 23, wherein at least one of the data units includes displayable text intermixed with non-displayable data.

Claim 27 (Original): The computer program product of claim 23 further comprising computer readable code for causing the processor to
detect an activation instruction by the user of a displayed telephone number
cause a telephone call to be initiated using the displayed telephone number.

Claim 28 (Original): The computer program product of claim 23, wherein the display attribute comprises a distinctive color.

Claim 29 (Original): The computer program product of claim 23, wherein the display attribute comprises underlining.

Claim 30 (Original): The computer program product of claim 23, wherein the display attribute comprises a distinctive font.

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Claim 31 (Original): The computer program product of claim 23, wherein the display attribute comprises highlighting on mouse roll-over.

Claim 32 (Original): The computer program product of claim 23, wherein the display attribute comprises a right-click menu.

Claim 33 (Currently Amended): The computer program product of claim 23 further comprising computer readable code for causing the processor to embed the objects in the data units, the objects including hooks for allowing initiation of telephone calls using the telephone numbers.